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## **City of Manassas Library Services**

City of Manassas, VA... On June 8, 2020 the Manassas City Council has signed an agreement with Prince William County on Library Services. The agreement, which goes in front of the Board of County Supervisors on June 16, provides for a library branch in the City of Manassas located at 10104 Dumfries Road.

This Manassas Branch will be run by the Prince William Library System and be leased by Prince William County. City of Manassas citizens will be able to continue using Prince William County libraries and the new Manassas Branch on Wellington Road, as will Prince William County residents.

The terms of this agreement between the City of Manassas and Prince William County are for ten years beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2030 with a five-year automatic renewal term after that unless terminated by either party. The City will purchase the furniture and fixtures, including shelving, for the completion of the build-out of the Manassas Branch with an estimated cost to the City of \$500,000.

"Libraries are an essential way that communities ensure access to materials and free educational resources for all residents," said City of Manassas City Manager W. Patrick Pate. "Having a branch in the City limits will provide City residents enhanced opportunities to take advantage of these resources as well as provide a great space for community activities."

For library services in the City of Manassas and continuing in the Prince William County System, the City of Manassas will pay \$1.2 million annually with a three percent escalator. The Manassas Branch will be open to the public by February 1, 2021.